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Mr. Mike Johanns, Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th Street and Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Johanns:

In recent weeks, my office has received requests for a Natural Disaster Determination (NDD) by the US Secretary of Agriculture from board of commissioners of the following counties that have experienced the following events in the previous 90 days, which may be ongoing:

Hill

Drought
Excessive Heat
Extreme Fire Danger
Severe Storms
Strong Winds

Roosevelt

Drought
Excessive Heat
Fire

Prairie

Drought
Fire
Excessive Heat
Strong Winds
Severe Storms

Rosebud

Drought
Hail
Grasshoppers
Strong Winds
Wildfire Declarations

Richland

Drought
Excessive Heat

Valley

Drought
Excessive Heat
Fire Danger
Strong Winds

A copy of this letter will be sent to the State Farm Service Agency office so they may begin to compile the necessary damage assessment information. Your prompt review and approval of this request will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger
Nancy Peterson, Department of Agriculture
General Randall Mosley, Department of Military Affairs
Dave Maser, Disaster & Emergency Services
Randy Johnson, Farm Services Agency
Jesse Aber, Department of Natural Resource & Conservation